

## HISTORIC MANSION TO BE PRESERVED

Riverdale Home of Calverts Will Be Revived.

WASHINGTONS WENT THERE

Other Famous People Were Also Entertained at Old Place in Former Days.

Generous-spirited persons have interested themselves in the old colonial mansion at Riverdale, which was formerly the home of the famous Calvert family. Descendants of Lord Baltimore, founder of Maryland, long lived in this stately old house, and some of the most distinguished men who figure in American history have been entertained within its doors.

Of late the old place has been going to ruin, but now Colonel Wilson, of Texas, and a number of patriotic women have joined in a desire to restore the historic mansion and grounds. They have purchased the property, and will put all necessary repairs to it, so that one of the most noted homes in American history will be preserved.

### Historical Interest.

The old mansion has much historical interest attached to it. In that it was the home of the famous Calvert family, which was not only distinguished in its noted head, Lord Baltimore, but through intermarriage with the Washingtons.

A few months ago the property and all the house furnishings were put up for sale at public auction, but the house and grounds were not disposed of at that time because there was no bidder who offered a sufficient amount for the historic property. Many of the furnishings, however, pictures, bric-a-brac, silver, and glass, were sold, the majority of which went to the proverbial song. Old mahogany tables and chairs were sold at a phenomenally low price, and other things went accordingly.

Tradition attaches to every corner in the old colonial home, and the conspicuous part it played in the history of other days makes its retention a matter of keen interest to Washingtonians.

### To Be Restored.

It is the intention of Colonel Wilson and the other purchasers to restore the old mansion to the condition in which it was when Henry Clay and Daniel Webster were among the distinguished visitors there. It was within these historic walls that Henry Clay drafted the famous Missouri Compromise bill of 1820 in regard to slavery.

The connection between the Washington and Calvert families was through the marriage of Martha Washington's son, John Parke Custis, to Eleanor Calvert, daughter of Lord Baltimore.

Joseph I. Keefe, of Washington, has for years been interested in the history of Washington, and has gathered together a fund of interesting material concerning these two distinguished families, and has made a note of much data which has not yet been published.

General Washington was a staunch friend of Benedict Calvert, son of the 5th Lord Baltimore, whose daughter Eleanor married Mrs. Washington's son. The latter served with distinction as aide-de-camp to General Washington in the Colonial war. He died of camp fever at Yorktown, Va., leaving his wife with four children. The two elder girls, Eliza and Martha, were taken by their relatives to Dr. Stewart, of Hope Park, near Beltsville, Md.

### Adopted by Washington.

The two youngest, George Washington Parke Custis and Eleanor Parke Custis, were adopted by their grandparents, General and Mrs. Washington, and were taken by them to Mt. Vernon. Eliza Custis married John Law and lived at the corner of New Jersey avenue and C street southeast; Martha Calvert became the wife of George Fisher, living on Q street between Thirty-first and Thirty-second, while George Washington Parke Custis married a daughter of Colonel Fitzhugh, of Virginia, and built Arlington. The marriage of Eleanor Parke Custis to Maj. Lawrence Lewis, took her to Woodlawn, a historic estate four miles from the gate of Mt. Vernon.

In this connection it is well to note that Woodlawn has also fallen into patriotic and generous hands. The land was originally given to "Nellie" Custis and her husband by General Washington, and the house was built by the Lewises. Shortly before her death, "Nellie" Custis left Woodlawn and went to Audley, Va., where she died.

A few years ago the estate was bought by the playwright, Paul Kester, for \$10,000, who sold it recently to a New York woman for \$25,000. The house and grounds will be kept intact by their latest purchaser.

### Old Riverdale Mansion.

The old mansion in Riverdale is closely connected with the early history of the country. Benedict Calvert's son, George, married Rosette Eugene Stier, and they resided at this place. Henry J. Stier, Rosette's father, was a wealthy banker from Antwerp, and George III of England, gave him the land upon which the house was built. The bricks were hauled in an ox-cart from St. Mary, the first capital of the province of Maryland.

The mansion was built about 1780, and it is said that General and Mrs. Washington were frequent visitors. The location of the National Capital at Washington in 1791, gave the place an attraction which lasted until nearly the close of the last century.

George Calvert's oldest son, Charles

### "Doings at Dope Springs"

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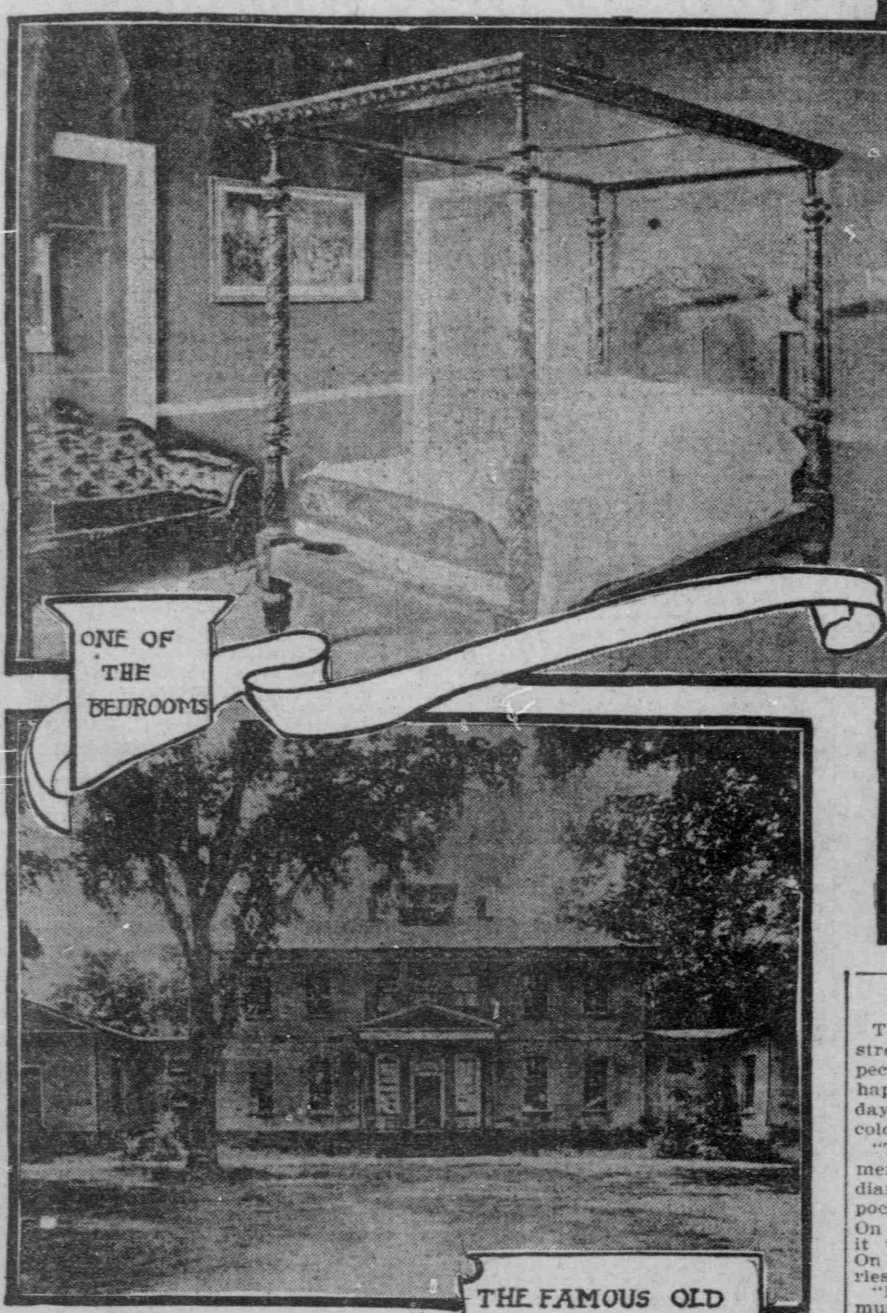
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## ANCIENT COLONIAL HOME OF THE CALVERT FAMILY, WHICH IS TO BE RESTORED



ONE OF THE BEDROOMS

THE FAMOUS OLD CALVERT MANSION



THE GRAND STAIRWAY

### THE MAN WITH A DIARY.

The man with a diary was on a Fulton street car the other day. No one suspected his identity until a passenger happened to remark that it was a cold day for this time of year—in fact, the coldest October day he could remember.

"Then you must have a very short memory," replied the man with the diary as he pulled a book from his pocket. "This is the 16th of October. On the 4th of October, two years ago, it was five degrees colder than this. On the 11th of last year there were furies of snow."

"I wouldn't have thought it, but you must be right. It was a hot summer, anyhow."

"You are mistaken there, my friend. It was the coolest summer for five years. We had only five what you might call roasting hot days."

"But I'll bet that we had as many as twenty different thunderstorms, and some of them were old rippers."

"Wrong again, my friend. From the middle of May to the middle of September we had just seven thunderstorms, and there was only one that might be called an old ripper."

"Well, well, well!" said the man who thought he knew all about the weather, and he crossed his legs, hunched up his back and gazed out of the window for the next four blocks.

Later on, on the rear platform, I asked the man with the diary what he meant by such conduct, and he replied: "It's simply an old account book, and I was giving him a grand bluff. Try it once, it always works."—C. B. L., in Brooklyn Citizen.

### ROOSEVELT'S WAY WITH CONGRESS

Congress, convening December 4, will be confronted with important propositions. Regulation of railway rates; free trade or lower tariffs for our Philippine dependencies; the widely advertised—perhaps overadvertised—demand for life insurance, substituting a single set of simple but stringent Federal regulations for a wider range of costly and sometimes contradictory State statutes governing the business of the life companies—these are some of the things which the leaders of Congress will thrash out this winter.

The President undoubtedly believes a railway rate control bill should be passed, and that life insurance as a form of interstate commerce should come under Federal supervision; but it is probably not true that he means to carry his advocacy of these proposals to the length of denouncing his party.

Theodore Roosevelt always states his views candidly—puts the question before the people; then if the people really want progress in the line that is indicated, they can get it by bringing pressure upon Senate and House to enact their desire in law, when the President stands ready to approve and execute it.—National Magazine.

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## Mexico Quiet and Busy In Industrial Progress

New Ambassador Says Business Relations With Us Are Carrying His Country Ahead Fast in Peaceful Enterprise.

Senor Don Joaquin D. Casasus, the new Mexican ambassador, gave some interesting information in an interview today on relations between the United States and the republic of Mexico.

"Our commercial relations with your country," the ambassador said, "are all that could be desired. The United States is our best customer. As it purchases from us 60 per cent of our total exports, and we, as a fair exchange, purchase nearly all our foreign supplies from you."

"It is said that Mexico needs more American wheat. That is true, for corn and flour are the two articles of greatest consumption in my country."

"At present, the greatest drawback seems to be a problem of national transportation. Mexico is subdivided into many commercial centers, and the trouble is to reach these from one main point."

### Transportation Backward.

"When we buy a certain quantity of wheat from you, it all goes, usually, to one place. From that place it has to be distributed to different parts of the republic, and as all cannot be reached with great facility, the difficulties increase the original cost. What is necessary would be an arrangement whereby all staple products of that sort could be sent directly from the United States to the jobbers; something which would be far cheaper, and, obviously, would reduce the retail price to our consumers."

"Internal conditions in Mexico are satisfactory, and the country derives great benefits from our political quietness. All our industries are awake. Labor seems to be perfectly contented, and prosperity is ever on the increase. We have 14,000 miles of railroads, which are being added to right along."

thus assuring for the near future a perfect system of transportation and communication between all inland places and the coasts.

"American contractors are now completing the work in the ports of Salina Cruz, on the Pacific side, and the port of Coatzacoaco, on the Mexican gulf. The work will be completed in about six months. As these ports are already connected by a direct line of railroads, commerce will receive a boon which will result not only to our advantage, but also to the advantage of foreign interests, especially American."

"It will, so far as we are concerned, be our main industrial support until the Panama canal is completed. And the Panama canal, you know, will be advantageous to the whole world."

"Our mines are being worked, in most all places, to their full extent. Our national commerce is all that could be desired."

"What about transportation facilities between Mexico and other countries, especially the United States?" the ambassador was asked.

### Water Connections Good.

"It is perfect. We have two important lines which run steamers regularly, and as often as conditions demand. One runs passenger steamers weekly between New York and Vera Cruz. The other, contra about forty steamers, which carry only freight, and they are sufficient for present needs."

"Then there is another company which maintains a service between Baltimore and Tampico."

"Then you think that there is nothing to be done to further commercial relations between the two countries?"

"Very little, if anything. The relations are so good now that any change for the better will be the result of natural evolution."

## Friday's List Is a Bargain List

The canvass of stock for this Friday's list of specials has developed more than usual. The past week's selling has been more than ordinarily favorable for the Friday house cleaning, and small lots here and there and special purchases that have arrived just in time will undoubtedly inspire that interest among tomorrow's buyers that is one of the most gratifying experiences a merchant enjoys.

### Boys' Clothing

Small Lots of Suits, Reefers, and Overcoats, worth \$3.50 and \$4, \$1.75

A small lot and an extraordinary "value offering" lot. Suits in double-breasted styles and novelty effects, and Reefers and Long Overcoats in just such a variety of styles you'd expect from remnants of the big lines of goods we show at \$3.50 and \$4.00.

### Boys' Corduroy Knee Pants, 29c

That are worth 50c

An offer that should prove of especial interest to every parent. There isn't a more serviceable fabric than corduroy that can be used in making Boys' Pants, and its appearance is always good. These Pants are made with taped seams and are excellently cut and finished. Sizes 4 to 14 years.

### Men's Topcoats

Small Lots at Very Small Prices

We are quick to close out little lots of goods because we don't hesitate to put prices on them that'll effect a quick clearance. Two lots of Topcoats that are importantly low in price for tomorrow.

Small lots of Tan Covert Overcoats; cut in the latest styles; garments that represent the best selling lines that have been shown this season at \$7.50, \$10 and \$12.50. To go tomorrow at..... **\$6.75**

Another line of Topcoats in sizes from 30 to 44 chest; suitable for both the larger and the smaller men. They're representatives of the \$13.50, \$15, \$20 and \$22.50 lines. To close tomorrow..... **\$11.75**

### 23c For Boys' Underwear

A special lot of 39c goods that we're able to offer at 23c. Fleece lined jersey ribbed and natural wool fleece lined Underwear—both shirts and drawers—sizes 24 to 34.

### 75c For Men's Underwear

A very special value for tomorrow only. Men's gray wool shirts and drawers—silk bound shirts—drawers with double gussets and suspender tapes. Per garment, 75c.

### 50c For Men's Night Shirts

Men's Domet Night Shirts—cut extra long and full—thoroughly well finished. Special Friday value, 50c.

### Half Hose, 2 for 25c

Men's natural wool and camel's hair Half Hose, of suitable weight for service from now on. A special Friday value for 2 pairs for 25c.

### \$7 Silk Opera Hats .... \$5.50

Made on the best French springs of heavy ribbed silk. Four different blocks in the line and every hat guaranteed.

### Children's 35c 25c Stocking Caps .. 25c

All-wool materials in a great variety of plain and combination color effects. Two lengths—the baby length and the regular.

### Boys' 35c 25c Winter Caps, 25c

Made of all-wool materials, with long cape to cover the ears. Sizes 6 1/2 to 7 1/2.

## Two Remarkable Shoe Values for Friday

FOR WOMEN—A line of Women's Shoes, in black Vici Kid, Box Calf, and Patent Colt; button, lace, and blucher cut—both welt and turned soles—kid and patent tips and plain vamps. The very newest styles are represented. The heels are Cuban, French, and Military shapes. They're mostly sample shoes, and not all sizes are represented. **\$2.35** in each style. For tomorrow.....

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Sizes 5 to 8..... **\$1.00**  
Sizes 8 1/2 to 11..... **\$1.25**  
Sizes 11 1/2 to 2..... **\$1.50**

## Specials from the Sporting Goods and Photo Departments

SHEEPSKIN-LINED COATS, for Driving and Hunting. Regularly \$5.00. For tomorrow..... **\$4.75**  
ROLLER SKATES, with concrete rollers; 89c worth \$1, for.....  
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